



*Your Monthly Connection to the City of Liberty Lake*

# Liberty Link

**September 2006**

*Committed to Fostering Community Enrichment*

## Mayor's Message

As the City celebrates it's 5th birthday, we can look back with pride to see what has been accomplished: Service levels have steadily increased, and so has the City's savings. We have carefully and efficiently spent money, and property taxes remain lower than pre-incorporation levels. We have a new Children's Library, Pedestrian Bridge, upgrades to Trailhead Golf Course, and property for the new Community Campus. As our community grows, we will continue to provide outstanding services to you. We are all looking forward to seeing what the next five years bring!

*Mayor Steve Peterson*

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**JOIN THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE AT THE SPOKANE SYMPHONY CONCERT ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND AT 6 P.M. IN PAVILLION PARK TO CELEBRATE THE CITY'S 5TH BIRTHDAY.**



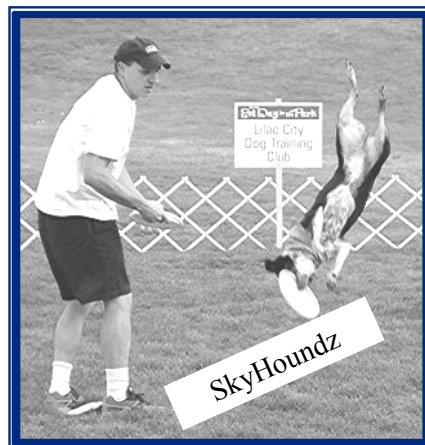
Mayor Peterson, the Liberty Lake City Council, and City Staff will be serving up slices of birthday cake before the Spokane Symphony Concert to celebrate the City's 5th Birthday. The City of Liberty Lake officially incorporated on August 31, 2001 and has made the celebration at the Spokane Symphony Concert an annual tradition.



## **Pet Day in the Park**

Animal Clinic of Liberty Lake

On September 9th, from 10am-2pm the City will be hosting its third annual "Pet Day in the Park." Pets, pet lovers, families and children of all ages are encouraged to come to Pavillion Park to share the love of animals and enjoy fun-filled activities and demonstrations. From 10am-12:30pm the city will be accepting entries for the pet costume contest. After registration attendants will vote on their favorite dressed pet and a prize will be awarded. Be sure to get your pet dressed up for a chance to win! There will also be several activities for the young and young at heart, including balloon animals, face painting, magic shows and craft projects. Informational booths will be set up to provide information and resources for responsible pet ownership. City residents can register their pets and receive discount vouchers for veterinarian services. Animal Clinic at Liberty Lake and Harvard Animal Hospital will be on site to provide micro-chipping and vaccinations and there will also be a SkyHoundz Disc Dogs demonstration during the event. The Lilac City Dog Training Club will give an agility demonstration 10-1 and help you try out the course with your own pet! If you get hungry, Kiwanis will be providing concessions. Come out to the park and join us for this fun pet-activity day!



## **Community Business Leader— Animal Clinic at Liberty Lake**



**Bruno eagerly awaiting his checkup!**

In February of 2001, Dr. Mark Fosberg and his wife Dr. Karen Yamamoto-Fosberg opened the doors to the Animal Clinic at Liberty Lake. Since they initially started over five years ago, the animal clinic has gained a reputation as an exceptional animal care provider and services many Liberty Lake residents as well as pet owners from neighboring areas. In addition to being "your pet's second best friend", they have a trained staff educated on what your pet needs to be happy and healthy. In addition to the Fosberg's, Dr. Marni Quist joined the Animal Clinic in 2005. With the success of Animal Clinic at Liberty Lake, the Fosberg's looked to expand their business and eventually opened the Indian Trail Animal Clinic in July of 2005. The Animal Clinic at Liberty Lake has and will continue to provide animal lovers with a dependable and friendly place to take pets!

## Inside the City

### Back To School Safety

#### Traveling to and from school:

- Map out with your children a safe way for them to walk to school or to the bus stop
  - Teach children to follow traffic signals and rules when walking or biking. Stress that they should cross the street at crosswalks or intersections with crossing guards.
  - Encourage children to walk to school or the bus stop with a sibling or friend.
  - Help children memorize their phone number and full address
  - Teach children not to talk to strangers, go anywhere with them, or accept gifts from them without your permission. Tell them if they see a suspicious stranger hanging around or in their school they should tell an adult.
- Choose a safe house in your neighborhood. Pick a neighbor's house where your children can go if they need help.

#### On the bus:

- Have children arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to pick them up.
- Make sure children know to stand on the sidewalk or grass while waiting for the bus. Teach children to make sure they can see the bus driver and the bus driver can see them before crossing in front of the bus.



***Liberty Lake Elementary School, in cooperation with the Liberty Lake Police Department, has put in place a modified traffic flow plan for student drop off and pickup for the safety of the students.***

***Detailed information on this traffic flow plan will be sent home to parents, and published in the Splash.***

## Liberty Lake Lifestyles



### LIBERTY LAKE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY- Storytimes for September

Tuesday, Friday, & Saturday Mornings  
10:30 - 11:00 Toddlers (Ages 3-5)

Parents/caregivers, please plan to stay during program

**Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Fairytale Month** @ the library. This week meet fairytale People! Learn "W" in Sign Language.

**Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

Have you ever tasted Stone Soup? Fairytale food this week @ the library! "Y" is up next!

**Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Magic shoes? Next stop is OZ!! Learn "Z" in Sign.

**Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

Fairytale animals! Can you guess what animal is the most popular? Review all you've learned in American Sign.

**Saturday stories and activities with**

**Children's Library Associate Amy Dickeson!**

**Sept 2 Colors Sept 9 Numbers Sept 16 ABC's**

**Sept 23 Days of the week Sept 30 Months of the year**

For more information contact the library!

1421 N. Meadowwood Lane, Suite 140, Liberty Lake, WA 509-232-2510

### New Baby Lapsit Program @ the Library!

A six-week early literacy program designed for children 12-36 months old available by registration only beginning Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 AM.

For more information or to pre-register,

Please call Amy Dickeson 232-2510 or email her at [adickeson@libertylakewa.gov](mailto:adickeson@libertylakewa.gov) before Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.



## Fall in Liberty Lake

**LIBERTY LAKE ARBORETUM UPDATE** - On July 27th, residents gathered at City Hall to discuss design ideas for the future Liberty Lake Arboretum located east of City Hall. This was the first workshop held on the arboretum and ideas generated during this meeting will be used to prepare a concept for the site which will be presented at a future workshop later this year. The site currently contains a paved trail along the eastern edge, native vegetation, and the 2005 City Arbor Day Tree, a Black Hills Spruce, that was planted in October of 2005 at the southwest corner of the site. Workshop participants had the following suggestions and considerations for the future arboretum:



Benches w/ covering on the S & W sides for shade, groundcover on banks or sprayed wildflowers), trees of different types and varieties (not just native) w/ labels, some drought resistant trees & plants, minimal water usage, waterfalls and/or dry stream beds, meandering walking paths, possibly continue existing bike use, passive uses, tranquil, informal design, night safety-kids gathering-lighting, evergreen vs. deciduous plantings, sculpture-natural rock & creative/ local artists, concrete pillar adapted to artwork changes-rotating community artwork-all ages, WA State Arts Community Grant?, sculpture walk-Riverfront Park, historical timeline-tells story as you walk-Liberty Lake history, taller trees to conceal driving range poles/ totem artwork, ornamental grasses-around dry stream beds, boulders, preserve view of Legend Tree, preserve views of existing homes-consider tree selection-prunable, exaggerate existing swale for taller specimen trees, kiosks or on benches-sponsorship for const., pergola w/vines, conservation district seedlings-free sources/info., immediate arboretum-large plantings to establish identity-develop in phases, memorial spots, LL Garden club-fundraising, maintain book at City Hall w/ care instructions for plantings, wildlife incorporation-wetland, birds, kids area-bikes, sledding in winter. If you would like to give feedback on any of the suggestions or contribute to the design concept formation, contact Amanda Tainio, Associate Planner at 755-6708 or email suggestions to [atainio@libertylakewa.gov](mailto:atainio@libertylakewa.gov). Watch the Splash, the City website, and future newsletters for notices of future workshops.

### Liberty Lake Senior Lunch Program

The City of Liberty Lake, in partnership with Spokane Valley Meals on Wheels, is pleased to announce the incorporation of the new Liberty Lake Senior Lunch Program. The Senior Lunch Program will serve all residents in the Liberty Lake community who are disabled or over the age of 60 by improving their health and nutrition through hot noon meals and fun activities. [Please come join the festivities on Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> for the Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch Program kick-off.](#) Beginning September 6<sup>th</sup> the Senior Lunch Program will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 22710 E. Country Vista Drive in Liberty Lake. The Senior Lunch site will be open for participants between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00

p.m. every Wednesday thereafter. The food will be prepared by a local caterer. The recommended donation for meals is \$3.00 per meal. Those who are interested in attending the Senior Lunch or would like to volunteer to help serve meals and lead activities please call 924-6976.



### 2006 CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS

The City Planning Commission has been hard at work reviewing proposed amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan and Development Code. Amendments, initiated by citizens, the Planning Commission, and City staff, range from minor wording clarifications, to zoning use revisions, to a street, land use map, and zoning map amendment for the River District area. The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed amendments at a Special Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2006, at 4 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers 22710 E. Country Vista Blvd. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission will make recommendations on the amendments that will be forwarded to the City Council for further review and possible adoption. For more information, contact the Planning & Community Development Dept. at 755-6707 or visit the City website at [www.libertylakewa.gov](http://www.libertylakewa.gov).



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## Get Involved - September 2006

### Saturday, September 2nd

- City of Liberty Lake 5th Birthday Celebration at Spokane Symphony Concert, 6 p.m., Pavillion Park



### Tuesday, September 5th

- City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall

### Wednesday, September 6th

- Kiwanis, 6:45 a.m., City Hall
- SCOPE, 7 p.m., City Hall

### Thursday, September 7th

- Rotary, 7 a.m., City Hall

### Saturday, September 9th

- Pet Day in the Park, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Pavillion Park

### Monday, September 11th

- Central Valley School Board, 6:30 p.m., 19307 E. Cataldo

### Wednesday, September 13th

- Kiwanis, 6:45 a.m., City Hall

- Planning Commission, 4 p.m., City Hall

### Thursday, September 14th

- Rotary, 7 a.m., City Hall

### Tuesday, September 19th

- City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall

### Wednesday, September 20th

- Kiwanis, 6:45 a.m., City Hall
- Sewer / Water Board, 7 p.m., Denny Ashlock Building
- Meadowwood Homeowner's Assoc. Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall

### Thursday, September 21st

- Rotary, 7 a.m., City Hall

### Monday, September 25th

- Central Valley School Board, 6:30 p.m., 19307 E. Cataldo

### Wednesday, September 27th

- Kiwanis, 6:45 a.m., City Hall
- **Special Planning Commission Meeting, 4 p.m., City Hall**

### Thursday, September 28th

- Rotary, 7 a.m., City Hall

## Contact the City



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Mon. thru Fri. - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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| • Mayor Steve Peterson             | 755-6701 |
| • City Administration              | 755-6700 |
| • Planning & Community Development | 755-6707 |
| • Liberty Lake Police Department   |          |
| • Emergency                        | 911      |
| • On-Duty Officer Cell             | 218-4899 |
| • Chief Brian Asmus                | 755-1141 |
| • Police Fax                       | 755-1144 |
| • S.C.O.P.E.                       | 755-1143 |
| • Liberty Lake Municipal Library   | 232-2510 |
| • Trailhead Golf Course            | 928-3484 |

For more contact information and e-mail addresses, visit our website at  
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